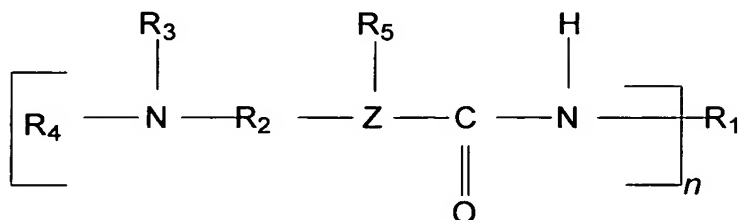


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-24 (Canceled).

25. (Original) A cured coating layer comprising:

(a) a material having the structure:



wherein  $R_1$  is an organic radical having 6 to 25 carbon atoms,  $R_2$  is an organic radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are independently alkyl or phenyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $Z$  is oxygen or nitrogen and when  $Z$  is oxygen,  $R_5$  is absent and when  $Z$  is nitrogen,  $R_5$  is hydrogen or

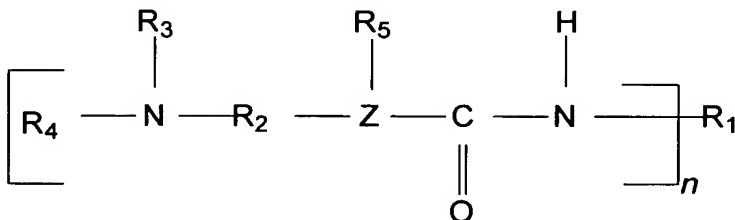


each  $R_3$  and each  $R_4$  are the same or different; and  $n$  is 1 to 4; and

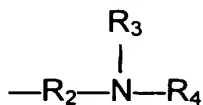
(b) a polyepoxide;

wherein the polyepoxide has reacted with itself during cure.

26. (Original) A method for initiating self cure of a polyepoxide resin comprising adding to a composition comprising said resin a catalyst having the structure



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an organic radical having 6 to 25 carbon atoms, R<sub>2</sub> is an organic radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently alkyl or phenyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms; Z is oxygen or nitrogen and when Z is oxygen R<sub>5</sub> is absent and when Z is nitrogen, R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen or



and when R<sub>5</sub> is  $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}_3 \\ | \\ \text{---R}_2\text{---N---R}_4 \end{array}$ , each R<sub>2</sub>, each R<sub>3</sub> and each R<sub>4</sub> are the same or different; and n is 1 to 4.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 26, wherein said catalyst further comprises an acidic hydrogen-containing compound.

28. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 4 25, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is alkylene.

29. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 4 25, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are alkyl.

Claims 30-33 (Canceled).